

PRICE ONE CENT.

**YOUNG LADY IN A SCAPE—HOOPS AND HIGH
HEELS IN CHURCH.**—The Richmond *Whig* says:
A few Sundays ago, a modest young gentleman
of our acquaintance attended the morning ser-
vice, in one of our fashionable churches. He
was kindly shown to a luxuriously cushioned
pew, and had hardly settled himself, and taken
an observation of his neighbors, before a beau-
tiful young lady entered, and, with a graceful
wave of the hand preventing our friend from
rising to give her place, quietly sank into a
seat near the end. When a hymn was given
out, she skillfully found the page, and, with a
sweet smile that set his heart a thumping,
handed her neighbor the book. The minister
raised his hands in prayer, and the fair girl
knelt, and, in this posture, perplexed her friend
to know which most to admire, her beauty or
her devotion. Presently, the prayer was
concluded, and the congregation resumed their
seats. Our friend respectfully raised his eyes
from the fair form he had been so earnestly
scanning, lest, when she looked up, she would
detect him staring at her. After a couple of
seconds, he darted a furtive glance at his char-
mer, and was astonished to see her still on her
knees; he looked closely, and saw that she was
much affected, trembling in violent agitation,
no doubt from the eloquent power of the
preacher. Deeply sympathizing, he watched her
closely.
Her emotion became more violent; reaching
her hand behind her, she would convulsively
grasp her clothing, and strain, as it were, to
read the brilliant fabric of her dress. The
light was exceedingly painful to behold, but he
still gazed, like one entranced, with wonder and
astonishment. After a minute, the lady raised
her face, heretofore concealed in the cushion,
and, with her hand, made an unmistakable
beckon to our friend. He quickly moved along
the pew toward her, and inclined his ear, as she
evidently wished to say something.
"Please help me, sir," she whispered; "my
dress has caught, and I can't get up."
A brief examination revealed the cause of the
difficulty. The fair girl wore fashionable,
high-heeled shoes; kneeling on both knees, these
heels of course struck out at right angles, and,
in this position, the highest hoop of her new-
fangled skirt caught over them, and thus ren-
dered it impossible for her to raise herself or
straighten her limbs. The more she struggled,
the tighter was she bound; so she was con-
strained to call for help. This was immedi-
ately, if not scientifically, rendered; and, when the
next prayer was made, she merely inclined her-
self upon the back of the front pew—thinking,
no doubt, that she was not in praying costume.

A CAPITAL TRICK THAT ENDED WELL.—
A young man (a brother to "Sly Boots," per-
haps, for, like her, he enjoyed a good joke) was
studying in college. One afternoon he walked
out with one of his instructors, and they chance-
d to see an old pair of shoes lying by the side of
the road, which appeared to belong to a poor
man at work close by. "Let us have a little
amusement at his expense," said the student.
"Suppose we hide these shoes, and conceal
ourselves in the bushes to watch his perplexity
when he cannot find them." "I can think of
a better trick than that," said the instructor.
"You are rich, and suppose you put a silver
dollar in the toe of each shoe, and then we will
hide." The young man did so. The poor man
finished his work soon, and went to put on his
shoes. You can imagine his surprise, when he
stepped down to take out a pebble, as he
supposed, from the toe, and found it to be a
hard dollar, and then his absolute perplexity
and astonishment, when he found still another
in the other shoe. His feelings overcame him;
he fell upon his knees, looked up to heaven,
and uttered aloud a fervent thanksgiving, in
which he thanked a kind Providence for send-
ing some unknown hand to save from perishing
his sick and helpless wife, and his children with-
out bread. Do you wonder that the young
man stood in his hiding place deeply affected,
and his eyes filled with tears. Young friends,
and you Miss "Sly Boots," when you want to
enjoy real fun, real pleasure at witnessing the
perplexity of others, as if you cannot in some
way imitate the student. Such tricks are worth
performing.

THE CHARLESTON RAFT.—Our Charleston
correspondent has furnished us with frequent
accounts of the great raft which is now build-
ing for the attack on Fort Sumter. It is to
be a heavy cannon, its artillerymen are to be
sheltered by cotton bags, and its perpendicular
sides are to be covered with iron plates. It is
to be shored ahead by a steamboat, and when
it gets under the walls, a scaling party is to
mount them on ladders, and the thing is done.
Perhaps some military men entertain the
opinion, however, that it will prove a float-
ing sarcophagus, and certainly, if history is
any teacher, or experience any guide, we may
predict for this scheme the same fate which be-
felled the batteries and rafts which were employed
at the siege of Gibraltar in 1781.
A French engineer, the Chevalier D'Arcon,
invented batteries with which he was certain
he could capture the rock. Ships were cut
down and walled with timber, huge rafts were
made of the same solidly, indestructible by
fire, lined with sand and cork, and so arranged
as to be kept constantly wet. Rafts and sides
were to throw off the glancing shot, and the
later, mounted with heavy cannon, were relied
upon by the assailants. After some hours
firing, however, a raft on which the Prince of
Nassau was stationed took fire, and the French
engineer, who was on board, perceived that his
huge and unwieldy machine, covered "with
bull hides, cow-hides, and ox-hides," began to
smoke, and soon after the whole fleet and flo-
tilla, rafts and batteries, were burned or knocked
to pieces. The rafts could not be moved from
their places, and became the graveyards of their
crews. Such will be the fate of the Charleston
raft, as soon as it is towed, if it can be, within
range of the hot shot of Fort Sumter. On so
large an object, every shot will tell.—*Cor. N. Y. Post.*

A CONTRAST.—An Englishman writing to a
London paper notices the fact that at the same
hour when Louis Napoleon, the despotic French
Emperor, was skating pleasantly and unattend-
ed among his subjects, the Prince Consort of
constitutional England was also engaged in the
same sport on the Virginia pond—but in se-
cluded grandeur, attended by a guard of po-
licemen.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The value of foreign goods imported into
Boston during the past year was \$39,849,898,
against \$44,777,718 in 1859.

The taxable property of Massachusetts is val-
ued at \$875,495,326.

Mr Isaac Newton's house still stands in Lon-
don, but this place, where his great mind
worked, is rapidly falling into decay, and is now
used as a poor school.

Mrs. Mary Curran gave birth to an infant at
Jersey city, a few nights since, while in a pro-
found sleep; she was only awakened by her
husband, who was aroused by the cries of the
new comer.

A Western editor thinks sewing girls cannot
be expected to compete with sewing machines,
for they haven't such iron constitutions.

A young lawyer lately concluded his argu-
ment in a case of trespass with the following
sublime burst: "If, gentlemen of the jury, the
defendant's dogs are permitted to roam at large
over the fair fields of my client, with impunity
and without pokes, then—yes, then, indeed,
have our forefathers fought, and bled, and died
in vain."

An Englishman took out his naturalization
papers at New Orleans, at 11 o'clock on the
26th ult.; an hour afterwards, the ordinance of
secession passed the Convention. Hence he
was a British subject, a citizen of the United
States, and a citizen of Independent Louisiana,
within the space of little over an hour.

The city authorities of Marysville, California,
recently passed an ordinance for the removal
of outside stairs in that city. While the coun-
cils were in session, a few days after, the stairs
leading to the council chambers were removed,
and the members of that body were compelled
to "shin" down the posts of the building.

The crown of England is valuable enough
to found half a dozen moderate colleges. The
20 diamonds round the circle are worth
\$150,000; 2 large centre diamonds, \$20,000;
54 smaller diamonds in the angle, \$270,000;
4 crosses, each composed of 25 diamonds,
\$60,000; 4 large diamonds, on the top of the
crown, \$10,000; 12 large diamonds, in the
flair of the crown, \$18,000; 18 smaller ones, in the
same, \$10,000; pearls and diamonds, in the
arches and crosses, \$50,000; also, 146 small
ones, \$25,000; 26 diamonds in the upper cross,
\$150,000; 2 circles of pearls about the rim,
\$15,000; value of precious stones, exclusive of
metal, \$820,000.

The message of President Benson, of Liberia,
just received, shows affairs in that Colony to be
in a very prosperous condition. The receipts
into the public treasury for the year ending
September 30, 1860, were \$67,334, and the
disbursements \$67,650. The former shows an
increase of \$20,722, the latter indicates the pay-
ment of nearly \$12,000 indebtedness. Peace
continues to prevail with the surrounding na-
tive tribes, and tranquillity among the Liberi-
ans.

A London paper has the following paragraph:
"A curious experiment was made a few days
ago on the canal at Antwerp, of a vehicle on
the ice by means of sails. The trial was per-
fectly successful. During the manoeuvres the
boat ran against a boat established on the ice,
and did some injury, but the damage was made
up by a subscription." Can it be true that
Europeans have never heard of an ice boat, and
are but just experimenting on the article?

A MS. vellum Pentateuch of extreme an-
tiquity, supposed to have been written during
the time of the first temple in Jerusalem, has
been recently purchased by Dr. Basilus Levi-
shon, of the Russian Episcopate at Jerusalem.
It has been for ages in possession of a princely
family, and among its many historical marginal
observations is one recording its preservation
from fire in the time of Zerubbabel, in
Jerusalem.

An important decision was lately given at
Windham (Connecticut) County Superior Court;
a boy, employed to pick up bobbins at a cotton
mill, had his hand drawn into some cog-wheels,
and nearly destroyed. A verdict of \$1,875 was
given, on the ground that the wheels should
have been covered.

A horrible scene was enacted at Philadel-
phia, on Thursday. A woman was found dead
in bed, and the husband drunk beside her; the
police aroused him, told him that his wife was
dead, when the brute swore she was drunk, and
struck the corpse in the face with his clenched
fist. A little boy, three years old, who was
sent to buy whisky while his mother was lying
dead, was sent to the home for the friendless,
and the father to jail.

A NOBLE REPLY.—It is related of the cele-
brated John Howe, chaplain of Cromwell, that
being often applied to for protection by men of
all parties, in those eventful times, he never re-
fused assistance to any worthy person, whatever
his religious views; until one day Cromwell
said to him, "Mr. Howe, you have asked favors
for everybody except yourself; pray, when
does your turn come?" "My turn, my Lord
Protector," said Howe, "is always come when I
can serve another."

AN HONORED INTRODUCTION.—When Lord
Thurlow held the great seal of England, he
was waited upon by a simple country clergy-
man, who detailed the many hardships he had
to contend with, in bringing up a large family
upon a miserable stipend of some £40 per an-
num. His lordship asked for the name of the
patron who recommended him. The worthy
man replied that his only friend was the Lord
of Hosts. "Well," said the noble Chancellor,
"you are the first man who has presented an
introduction to me from his Lordship, and I
will give it my best attention." In a few days
the worthy priest was presented to a valuable
living.

The latest invention is a sleeping-car cap.
It consists of a small skull-cap, with a couple
of long straps attached to each side of the cap.
When the traveller becomes weary or sleepy,
he or she puts on the cap, and attaches the
straps, by means of brass hooks, to the back
of the seat next forward of the traveller, and
then leans back composedly, the head support-
ed by the cap and braces, and sleeps comfort-
ably.

An old negro was knocked down at New
Orleans, on Thursday night; he was robbed of
\$15, and so badly beaten that he died soon af-
ter. Before his death, he charged the watch-
man of the beat with the murderous assault.

PROSPECTUS OF THE WEEKLY NATIONAL
REPUBLICAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December, 1860.

The undersigned have commenced the publica-
tion, in this city, of a weekly newspaper, called
the National Republican.

It is printed on a large sheet, 27 by 42 inches,
and is furnished at the low prices stated below.
It will contain all the original matter of the
daily National Republican, with the exception of
local news not interesting to country subscribers.

It will give full reports of the proceedings of
Congress, and of the other departments of the
National Government.

It will contain all the news of the day, foreign
and domestic, markets, &c., &c., as well as an
original correspondence from all parts of the
country. The miscellaneous department will re-
ceive special attention, and, in all respects, the
effort will be made to establish the character of
the National Republican as a

FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

In politics, the paper will be Republican, sus-
taining the incoming Administration of Mr. Lin-
coln, but disclaiming, however, any pretension
to be the organ of the President elect.

There is no other Republican paper in the
District of Columbia, or in the vicinity of it, and
it is believed that recent events have opened to
such a paper an important sphere of useful ef-
fort.

The time has come, when the actual ad-
ministration of the Government upon Republican
principles will explode the misrepresentations
which have made those principles so distasteful
to the South.

But it is not only here, and in this vicinity,
that the projects of the National Republican
hope to make it useful. To the whole country
they offer a journal which will discuss national
politics from a national standpoint, and which
will never be swayed from patriotic duty by any
overpowering pressure of local interest.

TERMS.

One copy, one year - - - \$3.00
Three copies, one year - - - 5.00
Five copies, one year - - - 7.00
Ten copies, one year - - - 12.00
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When a Club of subscribers has been forward-
ed, additions may be made to it on the same
terms. It is not necessary that the subscribers
to a Club should receive their papers at the same
post office.

Money may be forwarded by mail, at our risk.
Large amounts can be remitted in drafts on Bos-
ton, New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore;
smaller amounts in gold, or in notes of solvent
banks. Address: L. CLEPHANE & CO.,
National Republican, Washington, D. C.

Those of our exchanges publishing the above
conspicuously three times in the inside form of
their paper, and forwarding a marked copy to
this office, will receive our daily in exchange
until the end of the ensuing session of Congress.

MERCHANT TAILORING.

THE advertiser respectfully invites the atten-
tion of his friends and the public in general
to his new stock of

Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings.

He has always on hand goods suitable for the
season, which he would be pleased to make up
to order on as liberal terms as any other estab-
lishment in this city.

E. M. DREW, Agent,
C street, next to Bank of Washington.

nov 26

WANTED.—A young man, twenty years of
age, who has had considerable experience
in such matters, wishes to obtain a situation as
clerk or salesman in a store. Can furnish the
best city reference. Address "G. E. R." City
Post Office.

dec 21

PROVISION STORE.

MRS. C. OCKSTADT, 470 Ninth street, be-
tween D and E streets, informs the public
that she is prepared to supply them with Meat,
Vegetables, and articles used in the preparation
of Soups, of good quality and at low prices.

dec 24

A MAN, surveyor and draughtsman, who has
four or five hours of spare time per day,
wishes to get an engagement in drawing maps,
charts, &c. Apply at No. 470 Ninth street, be-
tween D and E.

dec 18

OFFICE MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO.

Washington, D. C., December 31, 1860.

IN pursuance of the charter, the following
statement of the condition of the company is
published, viz:

Amount of premium notes on hand - \$125,073.83
Amount of loss during past year - 9,016.50
Amount of cash on hand - 9,690.00

Notice is also given, that the annual meet-
ing of members will be held at the office of the Com-
pany, on Monday, the 21st instant, at ten o'clock
A. M., when an election will be held for seven
managers to serve for the ensuing year.

jan 7—6061 CHARLES WILSON, Sec.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS OF WASHINGTON
GEORGETOWN, AND VICINITY.

WE invite the attention of housekeepers to
our very large and beautiful stock of
China, Glass, and Earthen Ware,
Which is now rendered complete in every depart-
ment by our recent importations.

We deem it unnecessary to enumerate articles,
as we have everything that is usually kept in
the China business, from rich decorated French
China Dinner and Tea Sets, to the ordinary
Earthen Ware; and, as we import the majority of
our goods, we are prepared to furnish the best
quality, either to the wholesale or retail trade,
as low as any of the importing houses of Bal-
timore.

English and American Cutlery of superior
quality.

Also, Horn, Buck, and Cocoa-handled Cutlery,
from the same factories.

Silver-plated Ware on fine alabaster, warranted.

A large stock of Coal Oil Lamps, numerous
patterns.

Parlor Lamp-shades and Chimneys.

Cut Glass Globes, Fancy Articles, Toys, &c.

Hyaline Glass, C. S. FOWLER & CO.,
dec 4—60 504 Odd Fellows' Hall, 7th street.

THOMAS K. GRAY,
FASHIONABLE TAILOR,
D street, between Seventh and Eighth streets,
nov 26 Washington, D. C.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD,
WASHINGTON BRANCH.

CHARGE OF HOURS.

ON and after Sunday, November 11, 1860,
the trains will run as follows:

Leave Washington:

First train at 6:20 A. M.
Second train at 7:40 A. M.
Third train at 3:10 P. M., Express.
Fourth train at 6 P. M.

Leave Baltimore:

First train at 4:15 A. M., Express.
Second train at 8:35 A. M.
Third at 3:10 P. M.
Fourth at 4:20 P. M., Express.

The first, second, and third trains from Wash-
ington connect through to Philadelphia and
New York.

The second and third connect at Washington
Junction with trains for the West, South, and
Northwest; also, at Annapolis Junction for
Annapolis. For Norfolk take the 7:40 A. M.
train.

For the accommodation of the way travel be-
tween Washington and Laurel, a passenger car
will be attached to the tonnage train which
leaves at 12 M.

On Saturday the 3:10 P. M. train goes to
Philadelphia only.

jan 4 T. H. PARSONS, Agent.

MARITIME, NATIONAL, AND FANCY
FLAGS.

CAN always be had at the shortest notice, of
SARAH McFADDEN,
jan 8—1m 198 Hudson st., New York.

M. SMITH,
Fashionable Tailor,

No. 618 Garrison street, between I and Vir-
ginia avenue, Navy Yard.

CONSTANTLY on hand a full supply of Ready-
Made Clothing and Gentlemen's Furnishing
goods. jan 10

E. WHEELER,
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
HARDWARE.

No. 61 Louisiana av., opposite Bank of Washington.

BAR, Sheet, and Hoop Iron; Horse-shoe Iron,
Norway Nail Rods, Burden's Patent Horse
Shoes, Horse-shoe Nails; Cast, Sheet, and
Mild Steel; Anvils, Bellows, and Vices; Sheet
Lead, Bar Lead, and Lead Pipe; Lined Roof-
ing Tin; Bright Tin of all kinds; Block Tin,
Zinc, and Copper; Iron, Brass, and Copper Wire;
Carriage Bows and Curtain Casings, Hubs,
Spokes, Rims, and Axles, Locks, Hinges, Screws,
Nails, Brads, Sash Weights, Sash Cord, Pulleys,
Planes, Saws, Chisels, Files, Boring and Mortice
Machines, and Grindstones, Axes, Shovels, Spades,
Rakes, Forks, &c.

DEPOT FOR PLANT'S NEW PATENT
BLIND HINGE.

All at the lowest prices for Cash, or to punc-
tual customers on short credit. nov 26

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH PICKLES,
SAUCES, &c.

CHOW CHOW, } American.
PICCOLILLY, }
CHOW CHOW, } English.
PICCOLILLY, }
White and Brown ONIONS, }
Sauces.

Worcestershire Sauce, Soy's Sauce, Reading,
Harvey, and Anchovy SAUCES.

For sale by JESSE B. WILSON,
327 Pa. av., between Sixth and Seventh
streets, south side.

nov 26

G. W. GOODALL,
Plumber and Gas and Steam Fitter

564 Seventh street, near Canal Bridge, Washington.

ALL orders executed at the shortest notice, in
the most substantial manner, and on reason-
able terms.

Personal attention given to every department
of the business. nov 26

NOTICE!

I WISH all gentlemen to bear in
mind that the plan which I
adopted, six years ago, of selling
HATS and BOOTS at greatly reduced prices, for
cash, is in successful operation. Just received,
all supplies of the latest New York styles of
DRESS HATS. The very finest Hat at \$3.50;
a first-rate Hat, \$3; and very good, fashionable
Hat, \$2.50. All of the latest styles of soft HATS
and CAPS, at the very lowest prices. I am
constantly supplied with a very large stock of
these DRESS BOOTS, at \$3.75—which I
have been selling for many years—as well as
the very best quality of Patent Leather GAIT-
ERS, at \$3.50. Fine French Calfskin Gaiters,
from \$2 to \$3.50.

Terms cash. No extra charge in order to off-
set bad debts. ANTHONY, Agent for the Man-
ufacturers, Seventh street, second Hat Store from
the corner, opposite Avenue House, No. 540.

nov 26

SCHENCK'S PULMONIC SYRUP.

DR. SCHENCK, of Philadelphia, finds it im-
possible to visit Washington every week,
and has made arrangements to positively be in
the city the third Wednesday of every month.

He has a suit of rooms at the Avenue House,
where patients can obtain advice free. He only
charges when it is necessary to make a thorough
examination of the Lungs with the Respirom-
eter. S. B. Waite is agent for Schenck's Pul-
monic Syrup, price \$1 per bottle, for the cure of
Coughs, Colds, and Consumption; Schenck's Sea
Weed Tonic, price \$1 per bottle, for Dyspepsia;
Schenck's Mandrake Pills, price 25 cents per
box, for Liver Bileus Complaints and Constipa-
tion of the Bowels. Dr. Schenck would be
grateful to those who have been cured by his
remedies, if they would leave their certificates of
cure with S. B. WAITE, corner Seventh street
and Louisiana avenue. dec 21—3m

WHO WANTS IT?

ANY person desiring to exchange property in
Washington, for improved or unimproved
town and country property—including fine new
houses with all the modern improvements, fine
gardens, fruit, shrubbery, &c.—in a thriving and
central location, in one of the most beautiful and
prosperous of the Northwestern States, can hear
of an opportunity by inquiring at this office im-
mediately. A place of five or ten acres, with
good improvements, in the immediate vicinity,
would be preferred; but would exchange for a
residence in the city. One with a yard and gar-
den preferred. feb 5—1w

J. BOHLAYER,
Butcher and Provision Dealer,

No. 8 and 9, CENTRE MARKET,

He has also a stand at the

EASTERN MARKET.

Pork, Beef, and all other kinds of Meat, kept
constantly on hand, to which the attention of
the citizens of Washington and resident stran-
gers is respectfully invited. dec 31—1f

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY.

THE subscriber has the pleasure of informing
his friends and former customers that he is
engaged in the Boot and Shoe manufacturing
business, with an entire new stock, such as
Melie's French Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, Pumps,
&c., with a superior stock of Lemolins' French
Calf-skins, and all other materials for the man-
ufacture of Gentlemen's fine Boots and Shoes, pur-
chased for Cash, and will be made up by the
best workmen, and sold at the Lowest Cash
Prices, for Cash only.

To my former patrons, it is useless to say any-
thing of my qualifications for the business; I have
again embarked in it. To them, and the public
generally, I will only say, I can at all times be
found at home, and ready to wait on them. The
one-price rule will be strictly adhered to. Give
me a call.

JOHN MILLS, Agent,

Fashionable Boot and Shoe-maker, No.
504 Pennsylvania avenue, between the
St. Charles Hotel and Adams's Ex-
press Office, formerly under Brown's
Hotel.

P. S. I have no interest in, or connection with,
any other store than the one I am in, No. 504
Pennsylvania avenue. J. M.

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"LINCOLN STOMACH BITTERS."

ONLY sold at the store of W. Gerecke, on
Pennsylvania avenue, between Fourth and a-
half and Sixth streets. Also, a great supply just
imported of Switz and Linburg Cheese, Sar-
dines, Sardines, Holi Herrings, &c., for sale.

nov 30 W. GERECKE.

J. WAGNER,
Gun and Lock Smith,
AND BELL-HANGER,

No. 381 D street, between Sixth and Seventh
streets, Washington, D. C.

ALL work intrusted to me will be executed
promptly. All persons wishing their Locks,
Bells, &c., repaired, will please give me a call
before applying elsewhere. Terms cash.

jan 14—1w

NOTICE.

SPALDING'S SPALDING'S
PREPARED CELEBRATED PREPARED
GLUE.

Only 15 cents per bottle, at BONTZ & GRIF-
FITH'S, No. 369 Seventh street, between I and
K streets.

Wanted the Genuine Spalding Glue.

dec 15—eod 1m

HALL & WHITE,
MACHINISTS,
STEAM ENGINE BUILDERS,
AND
IRON RAILING MANUFACTURERS,

No. 23 Maine avenue, between Fourth and a-half
and Sixth streets, Washington, D. C. nov 26

HENRY JANNEY,
MANUFACTURER OF GENTLEMEN'S
FASHIONABLE BO